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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ki-Ho Baik, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/817,140

RCE FILED: October 25, 2007

FOR: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE UNIFORMITY OF
A PATTERNED RESIST ON A PHOTOMASK

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1795

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§ EXAMINER: B.L. Raymond

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**AMENDMENT "D" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Mail Stop Amendment
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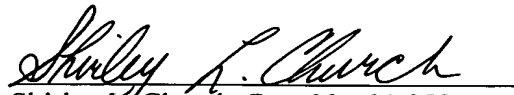
Sir:

The present Amendment "D" is in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response of April 9, 2008.

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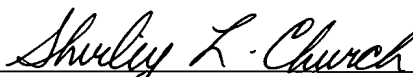

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CALCULATION OF FEES DUE					
	Number of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	14	20	0	x \$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	x \$210.00 =	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0.00

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "D". However, in the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church of San Diego, California in the amount of such fee.

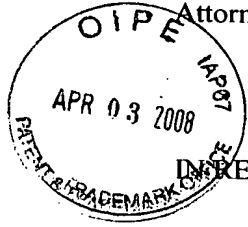
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Claims 1 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kirkpatrick (U.S. Patent Application 2006/0084229 in view of Itoh (U.S. Patent Application 2004/0058279).

Please amend the claims as follows.